

# Faculty Senate Authorizes Minor In Journalism Field

A minor in journalism has been authorized by action of the Faculty Senate, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Ward L. Miner, Chairman of the Department of English.

Although the new program will be closely associated with a Journalism Workshop course available chiefly to students who participate in the editorial department of the *Jambar*, participants in other campus publications may take advantage of it if they so desire, Dr. Miner declared.

The Senate Faculty action, last Friday, approved a proposal submitted by the Curriculum Committee to expand the credit hours carried by the existing Workshop courses (English 7051, 706L, and 707L) from credit hours. In special cases, where one credit hour per quarter to three a *Jambar* editor is registered, for instance, the credit load may be increased to six hours per quarter.

Thus, under the new program, Journalism students may not only receive substantial course credit for their *Jambar* work, but may also apply this credit to a minor.

According to University rules, a

minor consists in 21 credit hours of an approved course of study. The approval must come from the student's major department.

Increasing the credit hours of the existing Workshop course makes it possible for a student to accumulate the required 21 hours by taking a total of nine hours in the English Department's Journalism courses (English 705, 706 and 707); nine hours in the Workshop courses, and three hours in Expository Writing (English 740).

The new program will be included in supplement to the new Univers-

ity Bulletin, which is now being prepared.

The change in the Workshop course was made on the recommendation of Dr. Robert R. Hare, Associate Professor English, who is the *Jambar* faculty advisor, Dr. Miner explained.

According to Dr. Hare, the change represent a "minimal" step in the director of establishing, at Youngstown State University, not only a "climate conducive to better student publications," but a course of study "which many of us have felt was desirable in order to encourage the development of student interest in newspaper writing along vocational lines."

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Although the University has had Journalism courses in both the English Department and in the School of Business Administration, no "minor" has been possible in either department. According to Dr. Hare, students with vocational interests in Journalism have been forced to give up their interests, or go elsewhere. Other State universities for instance Kent State and Ohio State, maintain full-fledged schools of Journalism. As a result, Dr. Hare said, these institutions are able to train students for careers in journalism and to produce, as well, excellent daily newspapers.

According to Dr. Hare, the *Jambar* has "done wonders" with the means at hand, but has suffered from a lack of "continuity."

"Each year," Dr. Hare said, "a new staff, with little experience, must take over the complicated job of publishing a newspaper. The availability of a Journalism minor will at least insure that part of the staff trained this year will be available again next year."

Dr. Hare said that of course he hoped to see the "minor" eventually develop into a "major." This would require a wide interest on the part of students, he said, and addition to the faculty of professional journalism teachers, and wider course offerings in the field.